

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 623. A bill to *amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* to improve access to health insurance and Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 50 percent credit against income tax for payment of such premiums and of premiums for certain COBRA continuation coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Rockefeller

Pages S 2979, S 2983-93

S. 625. A bill to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kennedy

Pages S 2979, S 2993-4

S. 627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs; to the Committee on Finance.

Grassley

Pages S 2979, S 2995

S. 630. A bill to prohibit senders of unsolicited commercial electronic mail from disguising the source of their messages, to give consumers the choice to cease receiving a sender's unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Burns

Pages S 2979, S 2995-9

S. 631. *A bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.*

Voinovich

Pages S 2979, S 2999-3000

S. 27. Campaign Finance Reform:

Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the amendments proposed thereto.

Pages S 2923-72, D 269

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of **Thompson Amendment No. 149** to the bill, at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon, at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Pages S 3004, D 269

Committee Meeting For Wednesday, March 28, 2001:

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine health information for consumers. SD- 430.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 1212. A bill to provide grants to law enforcement agencies that ensure that law enforcement officers employed by such agency *are afforded due process* when involved in a case that may lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Barr

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H.R. 1215. A bill to *ensure confidentiality with respect to medical records and health care-related information*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Greenwood

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H.R. 1223. A bill to make grants to States for providing information regarding parolees to local law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Baca

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H.R. 1226. A bill to provide grants to assist State and local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies with implementing juvenile and young adult witness assistance programs that minimize additional trauma to the witness and improve the chances of successful criminal prosecution or legal action; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Capuano

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H.R. 1240. A bill to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2001 to provide emergency disaster relief for damages resulting from ice storms; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Hutchinson

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H.R. 1241. A bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

John

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H.R. 1243. A bill to *amend title 5, United States Code*, to require executive agencies to pay the premiums for health care coverage provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program for reservists in the Armed Forces called or ordered to active duty for more than 30 days; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Kleczka

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H.R. 1246. A bill to *amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code*, to provide that any health benefits plan which provides obstetrical benefits shall be required also to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Meehan

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H.R. 1247. A bill to *provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of handguns and for a record of sale system for handguns*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Meehan

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H.R. 1248. A bill to prohibit the possession of a firearm in a hospital zone; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Meehan

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 1253. A bill to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 *to restore the application of the antitrust laws to certain agreements* and conduct to which such Act applies; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in

addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Sensenbrenner

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H.R. 1257. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to make the budget process more transparent; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Moore

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Report Filed:

Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 100, providing for consideration of **H. Con. Res. 83**, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011 (House Report 107-30).

Pages H 1187, D 271

Debate on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget:

Pursuant to the order of the House of March 22, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of three hours of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget. After debate, the Committee of the Whole rose without motion.

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"... I am troubled by the budget resolution's disregard of the funding needs of the Department of Justice. Time and time again I have heard the need to enforce our laws instead of passing new ones. How can we expect law enforcement when this budget cuts funding for the Department of Justice by \$1.6 billion in fiscal year 2002. Based upon the budget submitted by President Bush, these cuts are to be largely applied to State and local law enforcement assistance. The highly successful COPS program falls within these targeted cuts..." (McCarthy, page H 1170)

Memorials:

Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Guam, relative to Resolution No. 6 memorializing the United States Congress to initiate the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to read: "Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or political subdivision thereof, or any official of such state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes;" to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "Medical" Marijuana, Federal Drug Law and the Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a *hearing on “A Rush to Regulate--The Congressional Review Act and Recent Federal Regulations.”*

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a *hearing on Combating Terrorism: In Search of a National Strategy.*
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Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 40 minutes of additional general debate on **H. Con. Res. 83**, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.
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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, March 28, 2001:

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Issues Raised by Human Cloning Research. 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the following measures: **H.R. 503**, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001; **H.R. 863**, *Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001*. 2141 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

The Budget Resolution.

Kind

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Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act Of 2001.

Clayton

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The Introduction Of The Fairness For Civil Servant Reservists And Guardsmen Act Of 2001. (H.R. 1243)

“...I rise to introduce legislation today that will ensure the fair treatment of all civil servant reservists and guardsmen who are called up for active duty service. The Fairness for Civil Servant Reservists and Guardsmen Act of 2001 will mandate that all federal agencies pay the employee share of Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) premiums if they are on active duty for more than 30 days...”

Kleccka

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Remarks (Cont’d.):

Bipartisan Working Group On Youth Violence.

Dunn

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In Support Of The Medical Savings Account Availability Act.

Lipinski

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:15 a.m., March 28, 2001.
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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich